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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: US EDUCATION DELEGATION

1. MATTHEIS WILL NOT ARRIVE DECEMBER 7 AS REPORTED SEPTTEL BUT DECEMBER 8 ON FLIGHT NO. 441, JAPAN AIRLINES. DEPARTS TOKYO 1100, ARRIVES MOSCOW 1520. MATTHEIS HAS RECEIVED SOVIET VISA.

2. SOVIET CONSULAR OFFICE WAS RELUCTANT TO ISSUE VISAS FOR VISIT BEGINNING DECEMBER 8 SINCE MINED HAD APPARENTLY CABLED AUTHORIZATION FOR VISIT BEGINNING DECEMBER 10. DEPT WAS ABLE TO GET MATTHEIS VISA AUTHORIZED FOR DEC 8 ARRIVAL ONLY THROUGH INTERCESSION OF CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH. SAKOVICH APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT MINED NOT PREPARED TO MEET US DELEGATION ARRIVING SATURDAY AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL. DEPT ASSURED SAKOVICH THAT US DELEGATION DID NOT EXPECT TO BE MET BY HIGH MINED OFFICIALS. SAKOVICH LEFT IMPRESSION THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOVIET PROTOCOL PRACTICE US DELEGATION WOULD BE MET BY MINED REPRESENTATIVES.

3. DEPT DID NOT REALIZE MINED'S REAL REASON FOR BEGINNING DELEGATION VISIT ON DECEMBER 10. MANY US DELEGATIONS PREFER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SATURDAY ARRIVAL IN ORDER TO REST BEFORE COMMENCING HECTIC

PROGRAMS ON MONDAY. IN PLANNING FUTURE DELEGATION VISITS,
IF ARRIVAL DATE POSES REAL INCONVENIENCE FOR HOST SOVIET
INSTITUTION, DATES CAN BE CHANGED UPON SUFFICIENT NOTICE. RUSH

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